

ANNOUNCEMENT KCEC1
INVITATION NO. 7



United States
Department of
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Farm
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Agency

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TELEGRAM/TELEX/TWX 467094
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Dated: June 22, 2001

ANNOUNCEMENT KCEC1, INVITATION NO. 7
EXCHANGE OF CCC-OWNED SUGAR FOR LIQUID SUCROSE
FOR USE IN DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) invites offers, subject to the terms and conditions of Announcement KCEC1, to exchange sugar stocks for delivery of liquid sucrose (STORAGE WILL BE PAID THROUGH THE DATE OF WIRE RELEASE, BUT NO LATER THAN THE DATE LISTED BELOW IN EACH OFFER):

	<u>Delivery Location</u>	<u>Shipment Period</u>	<u>Storage (No Later Than Date)</u>	<u>Pounds of Liquid Sucrose</u>
OFFER 1:	Honee Bear Canning Lawton, MI Contact: Ron Armstrong Phone: 616-624-4681 (Choose lots from Exhibit A)	July 1 - 31, 2001	August 15, 2001	185,600
		Offer 1 - Total Pounds of Liquid Sucrose		185,600
OFFER 2:	Cherry Central, Inc. Ludington, MI Contact: Doyle Fenner Phone: 231-845-6248 (Choose lots from Exhibit B)	June 27 - July 31, 2001	August 15, 2001	562,810
		Offer 2 - Total Pounds of Liquid Sucrose		562,810

Total Pounds of Liquid Sucrose 748,410

OFFERS DUE: 2:00 p.m., CDT, June 25, 2001

CCC will telephone notice of acceptance by: 3:00 p.m., CDT, June 26, 2001.

Contractors will offer for the sugar in the attached exhibits, designating the specific lots in the exhibit. Successful contractors will receive that sugar in exchange for the quantity of liquid sucrose awarded in each exhibit. Contractors must offer the full quantity of liquid sucrose at a specific location. (Example - Offer 1: 185,600 total pounds of liquid sucrose.)

In formulating the offer, the offeror should note that CCC-owned sugar will be received by the contractor instore, at storage locations specified in this Invitation under each exhibit. Delivery of the sugar by CCC shall be instore at the location specified in the contract. Contractor is entitled to the Processed Commodity Storage Agreement (PCSA)

storage rate in effect at the time of wire release for a period of 60 days. Any difference between the quality and quantity surrendered by CCC and that actually delivered to the contractor by the storing warehouse shall be settled between the contractor and the storing warehouse.

Interested parties are advised to check with the storing warehouse regarding scheduling, quality, and location of refined or raw sugar. Interested parties are strongly urged to establish, prior to making an offer, the premium and discount schedules in case of quality or location discrepancies. Requesters must pay applicable charges to the storing warehouse. Commodity delivered by contractor may be processed from the sugar supplied by CCC or from other sugar produced in the United States, as specified in the announcement.

Storage for the account of CCC shall be through the date of transfer of title as evidenced on the wire release which will occur when all proper documentation is received for each shipment period, BUT NO LATER THAN 15 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SHIPMENT PERIOD LISTED IN THE OFFER. The contractor shall be responsible for all charges thereafter.

Exhibits A and B contain a list of PCSA warehouse names and locations together with kind, quality and quantity of CCC-owned sugar to be exchanged.

The contractor will bid for a quantity of sugar from the attached exhibits, designating the lot, locations and quantity in exchange for the quantity of liquid sucrose specified in the offer. In formulating the offer, the offeror should note that CCC-owned sugar will be received by the contractor instore, at storage locations specified in this Invitation under the attached exhibits. The contractor must take complete lots with only one partial.

The content of an offer will include quantity and location contained in the exhibit in which the offeror is bidding. **ONLY ONE EXHIBIT PER OFFER FORM.**

CCC has the option to award less than quantity offered. Each offer will be analyzed independently. No offer will be contingent upon any other offer.

Any actual damages suffered by CCC resulting from any failure or refusal of contractor to perform, shall be for the account of the contractor. Such actual damages shall include, but not be limited to: storage and excess replacement costs.

3. SUBMISSION OF OFFERS

B. Where and When to Submit Offers

- (4) Offers, modification, or withdrawals of offers must be submitted to:

Kansas City Commodity Office
Attn: Bulk Commodities Division Bid Box - Stop 8748
P.O. Box 419205
Kansas City, MO 64141-6205

- (5) Users of the various express delivery services are to address correspondence to:

Kansas City Administrative Office
Attn: Bulk Commodities Division Bid Box - Stop 8748
6501 Beacon Drive
Room G-42A
Kansas City, MO 64133-4676

8. COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

Add B. Quality Specifications White Liquid Sucrose

Color	Clear to slightly straw color (35 MAX using USNC MOA 0001)
Percent Solids (BRIX)	67.2 - 67.7 Using refractometer @ 20 degrees Centigrade
Percent Invert	No more than 0.3 using Lane Eynon
Percent Ash	MAX 0.025 using USNC MOA 0005
Ph	6.5 to 8.0 @ 20 degrees Centigrade
Sucrose Percent	No less than 99.8 (dry basis)
Micro Standards	Yeast / 10 grams solid < 10 Mold / 10 grams solid < 10 Mesophiles / 10 grams solid < 100
	Using the National Soft Drink Association (NSDA) testing methods.
Delivery Temperature	Minimum 80 degrees Farenheit / Maximum 120 degrees Farenheit
General	Must comply with all regulations under the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act, and be manufactured in accordance with Current Good Manufacturing Practices. The product shall not have a foreign taste or emit any objectionable odor in dry form or when a 10% solution is acidified to a pH of 2.5 with USP phosphoric acid and allowed to stand for 72 hours.
Density	The weight per gallon at 67.4 brix shall be 11.10 pounds. Weight of solids will be calculated at 7.48 pounds per gallon.

Add C. (1) Quality Assurance

- (a) The contractor must perform the product testing and quality analysis to ensure that the product analysis meets the specifications described in Section 10 B. The results must be evidenced by a Certificate of Analysis. The contractor must retain the Certificates of Analysis and furnish to USDA upon request. Contractors are required to notify KCCO immediately of lots that fail to meet contract requirements. **CONTRACTOR MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS LISTING ALL QUALITY SPECS IN PARAGRAPH 8.B. WITH EACH SHIPMENT.**
- (b) In the event a quality dispute occurs, CCC will request an independent accredited laboratory analysis be performed to resolve the dispute. The expense of this analysis will be for the account of the contractor.

Add D. Liquidated Damages

Compensation to USDA for Delay in Delivery

Liquidated damages for delay in delivery will be payable in accordance with Article 67 of USDA-1, and will be at the rate of \$0.10 per 100 pounds (net weight) per day.

9. DELIVERY

Add C. Contractor must contact the appropriate processor (listed in the offers) to schedule deliveries within the shipment period.

11. INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Add E. **Documentation required by CCC must be submitted within 15 business days after each contract shipment period listed in the offer:**

- (1) **Bill of Lading for shipment of liquid sucrose.**
- (2) **Certificate of Analysis from each shipment including all the quality specifications listed in paragraph 8.B. of this invitation.**
- (3) **Delivery receipt at cranberry concentrate plant.**

TELEX/TWX - 467094 - Answer Back is USDA CI
Easylink 62140250
Fax No. (816) 926-6381 or (816) 926-6767
Communications Center - Telephone: (816) 823-1012

CCC reserves the right to refuse to consider an offer if the Kansas City Commodity Office does not have adequate information to determine the responsibility of offeror, financially or otherwise. First time CCC bidders, should notify CCC prior to submission of an offer. All offers must be signed. In order to properly consider the offer, the following information must be in the offer:

- Announcement number, Invitation number and Offer number (if applicable)
- Offeror's complete name, address, phone number, facsimile number, and contact name
- Quantity

Retain one copy of the submitted offer form for your use. The envelope must be plainly marked:

"Do Not Open Until the Prescribed Time Per Announcement KCEC1, Invitation No. 7."

If overnight/express service is utilized, the above statement must be printed clearly on the outer express envelope, not the mailing label.

Additional blank copies of original offer form may be obtained from the Kansas City Commodity Office or duplication of attached offer form is permitted.

The time recorded by the Easylink system or facsimile machine in the Kansas City Administrative Office (KCAO) will be used to determine the time of receipt by CCC. OFFERORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF OFFERS. No offers, modifications, or withdrawals will be accepted by telephone.

Further information on the Announcement or this Invitation for Offers may be obtained by contacting:

Kansas City Commodity Office
Bulk Commodities Division
6501 Beacon Drive
Kansas City, MO 64133
Telephone (816) 926-6420

Richard G. DeVries
Deputy Director

Enclosure

EXCHANGE OF CCC OWNED SUGAR STOCKS FOR LIQUID SUCROSE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNOUNCEMENT KCEC1, INVITATION NO. 7, DATED JUNE 22, 2001, THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS THE FOLLOWING:

FIRM NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT NAME _____

PHONE NO. _____ FAX NO. _____

OFFER NO. _____ EXHIBIT (One exhibit per offer form) _____

PART ONE - CCC-OWNED SUGAR TO BE DELIVERED (INSTORE) TO OFFEROR:

LOT NO. _____ POUNDS _____ LOCATION _____
(City) (State) (Warehouse Code)

LOT NO. _____ POUNDS _____ LOCATION _____

LOT NO. _____ POUNDS _____ LOCATION _____

TOTAL NET POUNDS _____

PART TWO - CCC RECEIVES LIQUID SUCROSE FROM OFFEROR:

QUANTITY _____ NET POUNDS OF LIQUID SUCROSE

QUALITY _____

DESTINATION _____

SIGNATURE 1/ _____ TITLE _____

1/ BEFORE SIGNING THIS OFFER, SEE ARTICLE 6 OF USDA-1, "SIGNING OF OFFERS".

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**EXHIBIT A
USDA - FSA
SUGAR CATALOG**

<u>LOT NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY (POUNDS)</u>	<u>----STORAGE LOCATION----</u> <u>CODE</u>	<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>---PCSA CONTRACTOR---</u> <u>NAME, CONTACT & PHONE</u>
7001	BEET	1,000,000	71018	AMERICAN CRYSTAL SUGAR CO MOOREHEAD, MN	UNITED SUGARS CORP. MIKE FISHER 952-896-0410
7002	BEET	1,000,000	71017	UNITED SUGARS CORP. CHASKE, MN	UNITED SUGARS CORP. MIKE FISHER 952-896-0410
7003	BEET	1,000,000	71004	MONITOR SUGAR CO. BAY CITY, MI	MONITOR SUGAR CO. JERRY COLEMAN 517-686-0161
7004	REF CANE	1,000,000	71034	HOLLY SUGAR HEREFORD, TX	IMPERIAL SUGAR PETER CARROTHERS 281-491-9181

EXHIBIT A - TOTAL 4,000,000 POUNDS

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7005	BEET	2,000,000	71020	AMER. CRYSTAL SUGAR CO. EAST GRAND FORKS, MN	UNITED SUGARS CORP. MIKE FISHER 952-896-0410
7006	BEET	2,000,000	71019	AMER. CRYSTAL SUGAR CO. CROOKSTON, MN	UNITED SUGARS CORP. MIKE FISHER 952-896-0410
7007	BEET	2,000,000	71016	MASON CITY DIST CENTER MASON CITY, IA	UNITED SUGARS CORP. MIKE FISHER 952-896-0410
7008	BEET	2,000,000	71004	MONITOR SUGAR CO. BAY CITY, MI	MONITOR SUGAR CO. JERRY COLEMAN 517-686-0161
7009	REF CANE	2,000,000	71034	HOLLY SUGAR HEREFORD, TX	IMPERIAL SUGAR PETER CARROTHERS 281-491-9181

EXHIBIT A - TOTAL 10,000,000 POUNDS
